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Chinese Vice Premier Zhu Rongji, speaking in London on November 16, threatened that Beijing might not be bound by the 1984 joint declaration and other commitments on Hong Kong if Governor Patten proceeded with plans to broaden democracy in the colony, according to Embassy London. Zhu's threat prompted a sharp selloff in Hong Kong's stock market, according to Consulate Hong Kong and press reports.

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